

**R277. Education, Administration.**

**R277-528. Use of Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP) Funds.**

**R277-528-1[2]. Authority and Purpose.**

[A:](1) This[e] rule is authorized by:

(a) Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and supervision ~~[of the public schools under the]~~ of public education in the Board;

(b) Subsection [53A-1-401(3)] 53E-3-401(4), which allows the Board to ~~[adopt]~~make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law~~[in accordance with its responsibilities.];~~

(c) Subsection [53A-1a-601(3)(c)(2)]53F-2-514(3)(c)(ii), which requires the Board to make a rule that provides for repayment of a portion of the initial payment by the teacher if the teacher fails to complete the university [P]program with exceptions; and

(d) Subsection [53A-1a-601(5)(b)]53F-2-514(5)(b), which directs the Board to develop criteria for PEJEP awards . [; and]

[B:](2) The purpose of this rule is to provide standards and procedures for ongoing participation in PEJEP.

**R277-528-2[4]. Definitions.**

[A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.]

[B:](1) "Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation" or "[{CAEP}]" is a nationally recognized organization ~~[which provides]~~that accredits~~[ation of]~~ professional teacher education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for ~~[the preparation of]~~ K-12 teachers.

~~[C. "National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)" is a nationally recognized organization which accredits the education units providing baccalaureate and graduate degree programs for the preparation of teachers and other professional personnel for elementary and secondary schools.]~~

[D:](2) "PEJEP award[s]" means an award[s] granted to an eligible PEJEP participant[s] pursuant to Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528~~[that satisfy the purposes of the~~

original PEJEP funding and USOE documentation requirements].

(3) "PEJEP Participant" means a qualified teacher with an approved application pursuant to Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528.

[E.](4) "Public Education Job Enhancement Program (PEJEP)" means [a]the program authorized under Subsection [53A-1a-601(2)]53F-2-514(2).

[F. "Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC)" is a nationally recognized organization which provides accreditation of professional teacher education programs in institutions offering baccalaureate and graduate degrees for the preparation of K-12 teachers.

—— G. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.]

### **R277-528-3. PEJEP Participants.**

[A.](1) If an application is filed on behalf of a qualified teacher pursuant to Subsection 53F-2-514(3)(a) and approved by the Superintendent, the PEJEP participant shall:

(a) [PEJEP participants shall] commit to required courses for advanced degrees and endorsements consistent with Subsection [53A-1a-601(2)]53F-2-514(2)[-];

[B. Qualified Utah institutions of higher education] shall be reimbursed for the tuition for eligible PEJEP participants.]

[C. PEJEP participants shall receive textbook reimbursements directly.]

[D.](b) [PEJEP participants shall] provide documentation annually, by October 1, to the [USOE]Superintendent, demonstrating full-time employment as an educator[s] during the previous school year[-];

[E.](c) [If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from the state, he shall] notify the [USOE]Superintendent immediately if the PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from the state;

(2) If this occurs, [F]the [USOE]Superintendent may require repayment or partial repayment, consistent with Subsection [53A-1a-601(3)(c)(ii)]53F-2-514(3) [-];

[F.](d) [PEJEP participants shall] notify the [USOE]Superintendent of the

participant's['] satisfaction of the participant's [if] four year teaching commitment as described by Subsection 53F-2-514(3) [at the conclusion of their Program.]; and

(e) provide required documentation to receive textbook reimbursements, which will be reimbursed directly to the PEJEP participant by the Superintendent.

(2) If a PEJEP participant changes employers, leaves public education, or moves from the state, the Superintendent may require repayment or partial repayment, consistent with Subsection 53F-2-514(3).

**R277-528-4. University Program Eligibility.**

~~[A.](1)~~ A u[ni]versity~~[ta] higher education institution (university)~~ program that provides licensure and endorsements in the areas outlined in Subsection [53A-1a-601(2)]53F-2-514(2) and meets the criteria of this section shall be eligible to receive tuition reimbursement for a [eligible] PEJEP participant[s].

~~[B.](2)~~ To be an eligible [U]niversity ~~[endorsement or education]~~ program, the university shall:~~[desires to enroll PEJEP participants shall meet the following minimum requirements]:~~

~~[(1)]~~(a) be a Utah institution of higher education;

(b) provide documentation to the Superintendent[USOE] of the university's program accreditation by [NCATE/TEAC/CAEP; and

~~[(2)]~~(c) provide to the Superintendent[USOE] an overview of the university's endorsement program including:

~~[(a)]~~(i) program requirements and eligibility standards for participants;

~~[(b)]~~(ii) a screening process for prospective participants;

~~[(c)]~~(iii) course syllabi; and

~~[(d)]~~(iv) a yearly evaluation of the program.

~~[C.](3)~~ The [USOE]Superintendent may determine the eligibility of a university's program[s] on an annual basis.

~~[D.](4)~~ The [USOE]Superintendent shall reimburse tuition directly to an eligible

university's program[s] for a PEJEP participant[s].

**R277-528-5. Evaluation.**

[A.](1) The [USOE]Superintendent shall maintain records of PEJEP award participants.

[B.](2) The [USOE]Superintendent shall prepare an annual report for the Board that demonstrates use of PEJEP funding consistent with Section 53F-2-514 and R277-528[the intent of original PEJEP legislation].

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